

REMARKS

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action dated October 24, 2003, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 24, 2004.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his time during a telephone interview on January 14, 2004, where the scope of the pending claims and amendments above were discussed with respect to the cited prior art references. The interview generally followed the arguments that are presented below.

I. Status of the Claims

Please amend claims 24 and 25, and add new claims 29-31 as indicated above. Claims 22-26 and 29-31 are now pending in the application. Claims 22 and 25 are independent claims.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's citation of statutory authority as a basis for claim rejections.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlsson in view of Sanders, III. With regard to claim 22, the Examiner states that Carlsson teaches all of the features except requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory. The Examiner states that Sanders teaches releasing information from a buffer associated with a first base station, and it would have been obvious to make the device adapt to include requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory because this would allow for the efficient operation of wireless radio devices with multiple base stations. Applicant respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 22.

Claim 22 recites: a second base station comprising allocation means and request means. The allocation means is for allocating second identification information to the terminal for specifying the terminal. The request means is for requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in the memory means of the first base station.

Neither Carlsson nor Sanders disclose or suggest a request means of the second base station for requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in the memory means of the first base station.

In Carlsson, the "mobile services switching center orders the first base station BS1 to release the first digital traffic channel (DTC1)." (Carlsson at col. 6, lines 13-15). Applicant submits that the mobile services switching center of Carlsson is not a second base station, and there is nothing in Carlsson that teaches or suggests a second base station with request means for requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in the memory means of the first base station. Applicant further submits that by describing a release by the mobile services switching center, Carlsson teaches away from the invention recited in claim 22.

The Examiner cites Sanders (col. 3, lines 48-50 and 55) as teaching releasing identification information from a buffer associated with a first base station. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited section of Sanders discusses a queue controller 180, but there is no mention in the cited section of a buffer associated with a first base station. Applicant notes that Sanders does disclose "each queue 203 acts as a FIFO buffer that, when instructed to release a remote unit ID, will release the remote unit ID that has existed on queue 203 for the longest period of time." (col. 6, lines 33-35). However, applicant submits that the Examiner has not cited any particular section of Sanders that teaches or suggests a second base station with request means for requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in

the memory means of the first base station.

With regard to claim 25, the Examiner states that Carlsson teaches all of the features except requesting the first base station to release the first identification information. The Examiner states that Sanders teaches releasing information from a buffer associated with a first base station, and it would have been obvious to make the device adapt to include requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory because this would allow for the efficient operation of wireless radio devices with multiple base stations. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 25.

Claim 25 recites: storing first identification information in a first base station for specifying the terminal, allocating second identification information from a second base station to the terminal, and requesting from the second base station the first base station to release the first identification information.

Neither Carlsson nor Sanders disclose or suggest requesting from the second base station to the first base station to release the first identification information.

As discussed above, in Carlsson, the "mobile services switching center orders the first base station BS1 to release the first digital traffic channel (DTC1)." (Carlsson at col. 6, lines 13-15). The mobile services switching center of Carlsson is not a second base station, and there is nothing in Carlsson that teaches or suggests requesting from the second base station the first base station to release the first identification information. Applicant further submits that by describing a release by the mobile services switching center, Carlsson teaches away from the invention recited in claim 25.

For the same reasons discussed above, applicant submits that Sanders fails to teach or suggest requesting from the second base station the first base station to release the first identification information.

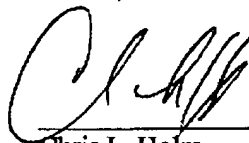
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For at least these reasons, applicant submits that neither Carlsson nor Sanders individually or in combination disclose all of the elements of independent claims 22 and 25, and the claims that depend therefrom, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance is requested. If a conference would assist in placing this application in better condition for allowance, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated.

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